



Canal Seepage

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Outline

- Update on recharge tool
- Review of findings
- Recommendation
- Request for input

Note: Tool has been modified to include a PEST multiplier!

It now appears between cell count & entity name.

Number of cells that the first canal covers

Source of data

1 - new data
0 - no data
-1 - use previous data



.cnl file

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Herman.cnl - Note
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LINE ASSOCIATION
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9 IESW040
22 13
22 14
25 11
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13 IESW037...|
STRESS PERIOD 1
1
0.15 0.13 0.16
STRESS PERIOD 2...
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Number of leaky canals

Entity ID

Row and column of cells covered by the first canal

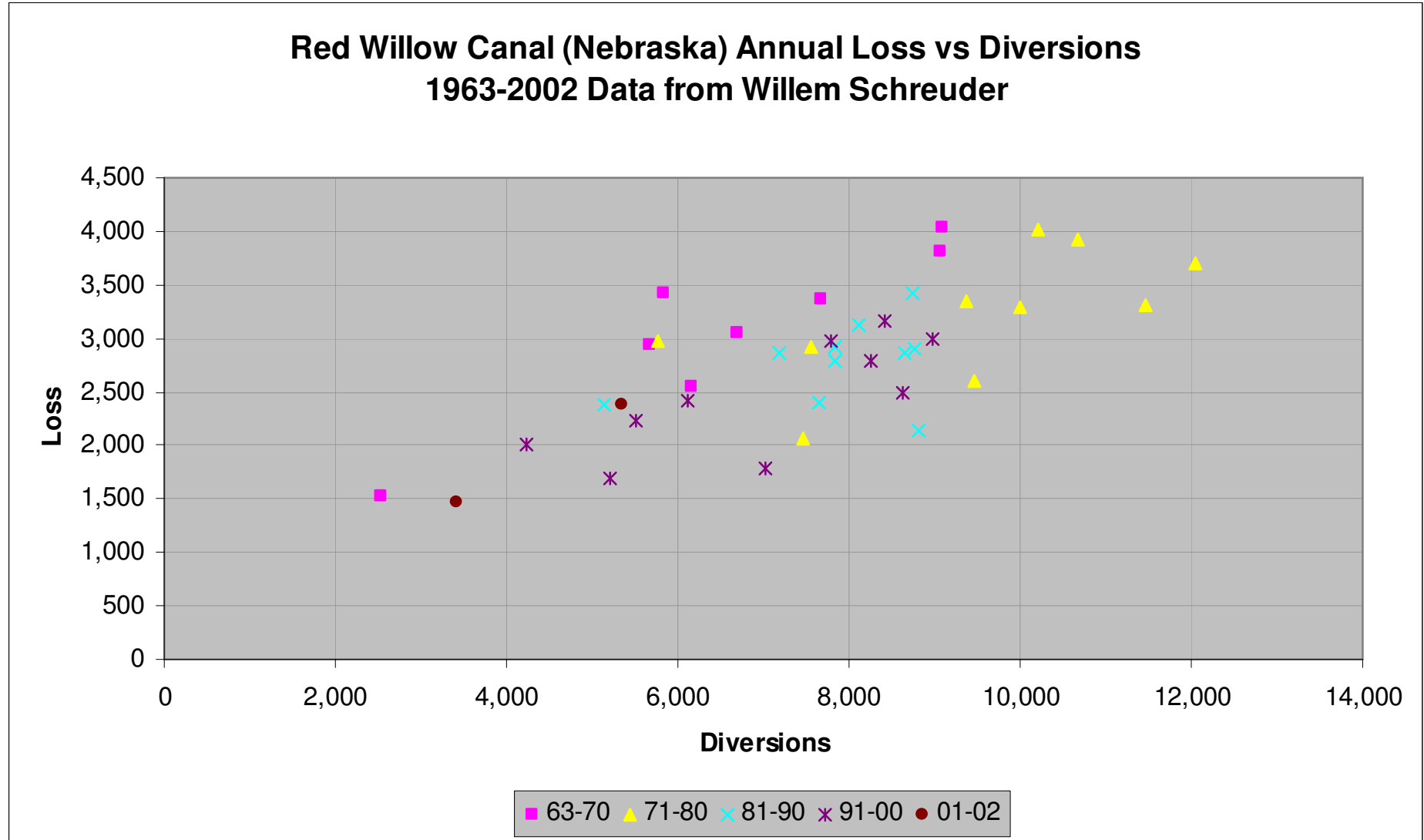
Proportion of diversion volume leaked from each canal (proportion in same order as canals are listed)

Canal seepage data

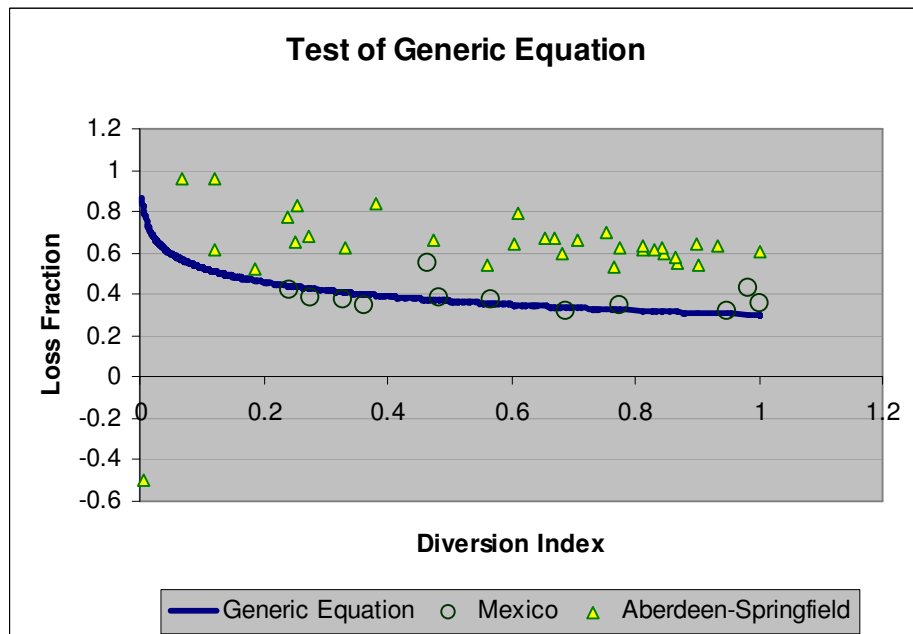
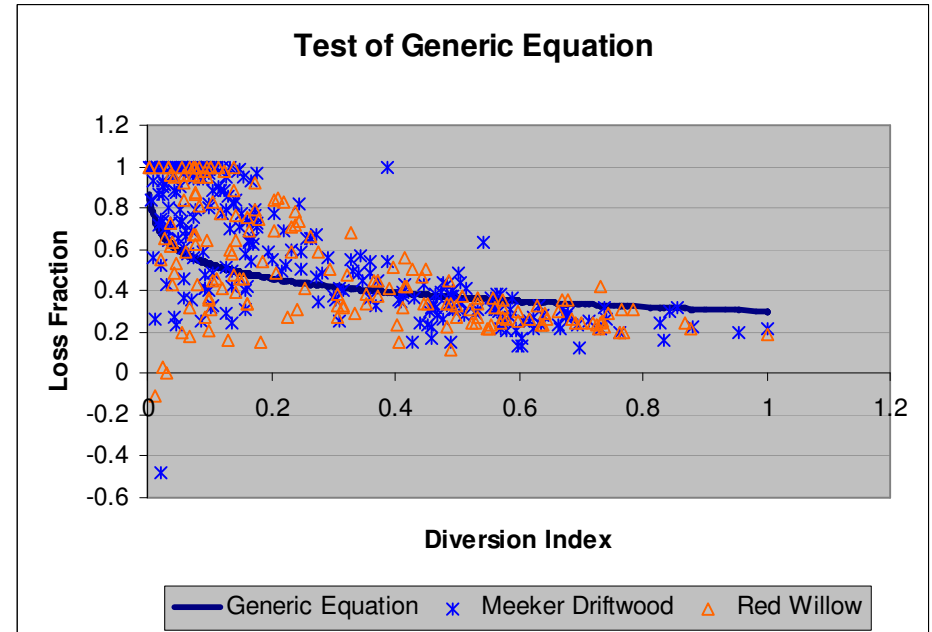
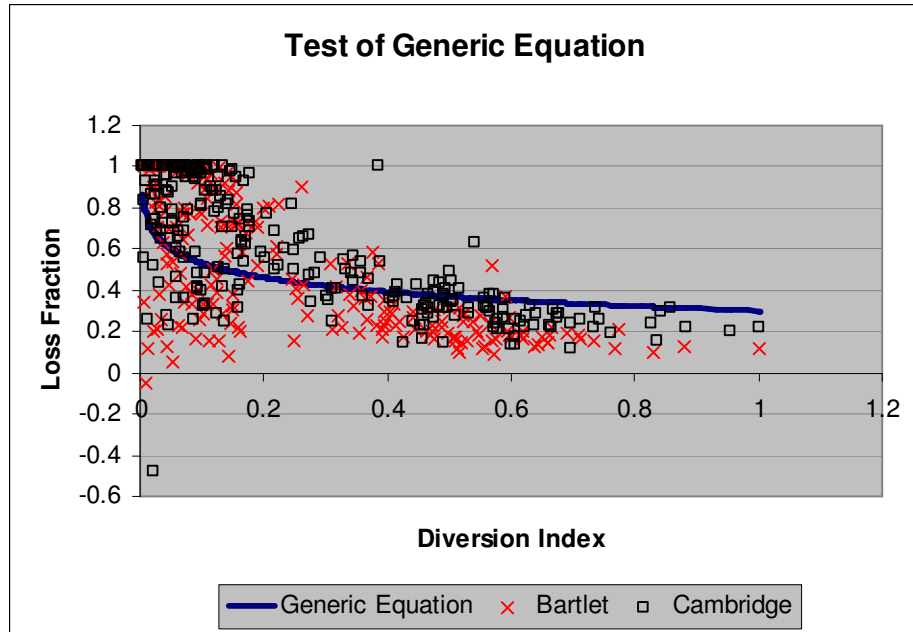
Update on Findings

- Nebraska data (Dr. Schreuder)
- Mexico data (ESPAM 1.1)
- Aberdeen-Springfield data (Steve Howser)

1) Nebraska relationships stable over multiple years



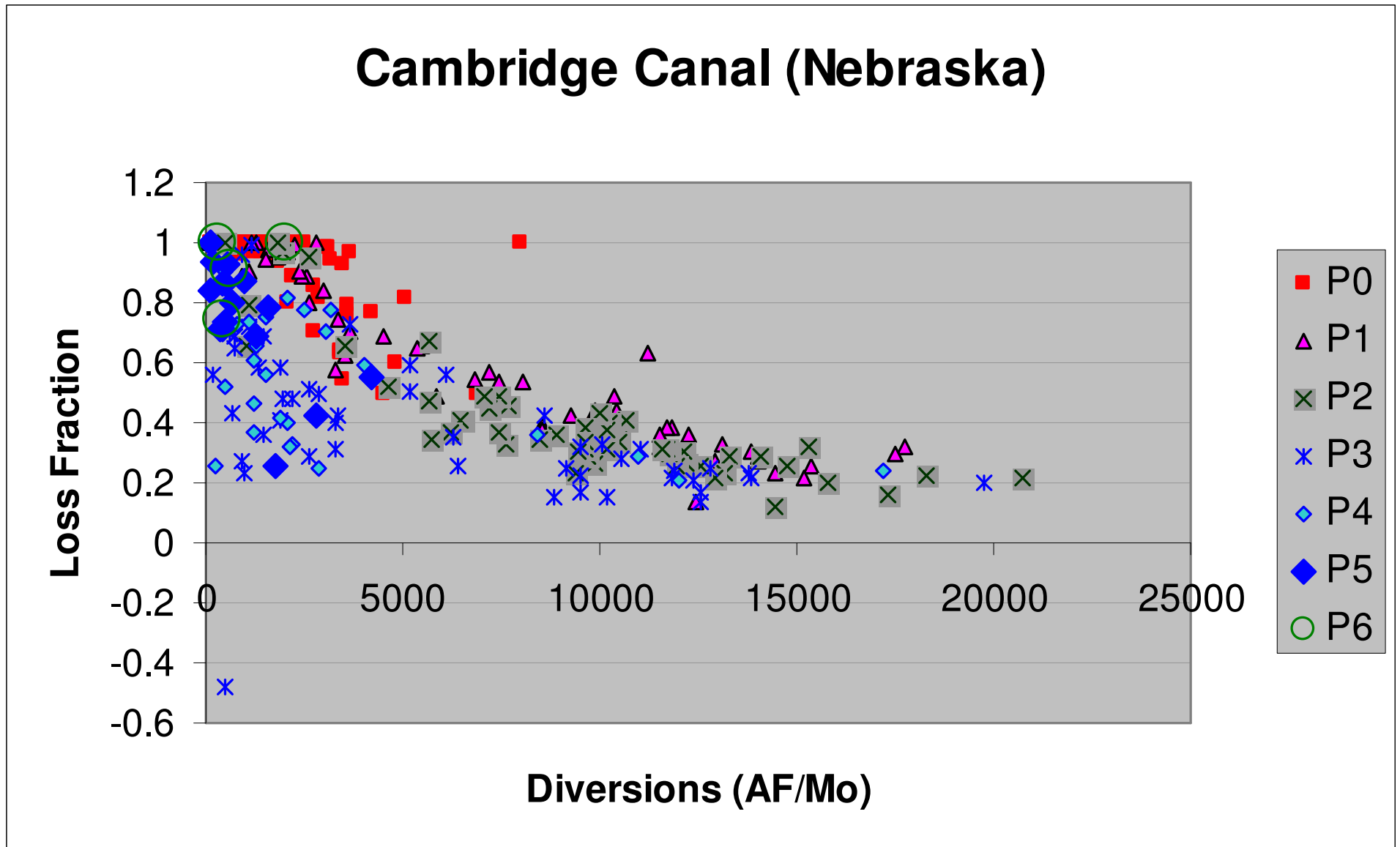
2) Generic log relationship seems to fit



**Monthly Seepage Fraction =
 $0.30 - 0.10 (\ln (\text{Div Indx}))$**

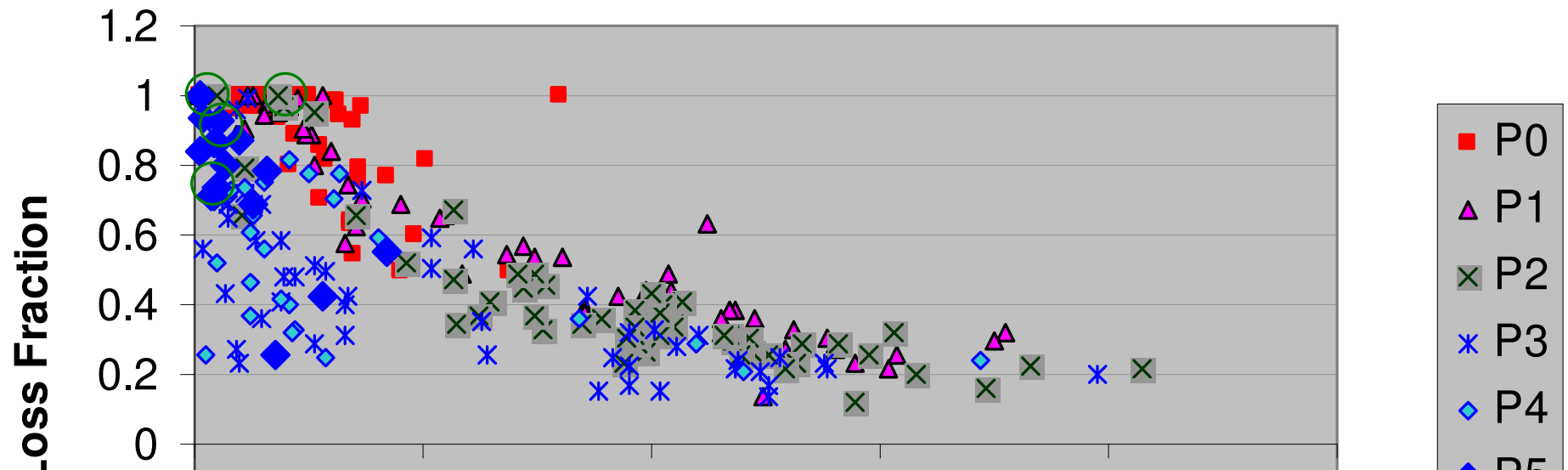
Div Indx = $\frac{\text{monthly diversions}}{\text{max diversions}}$

3) Seasonal variation



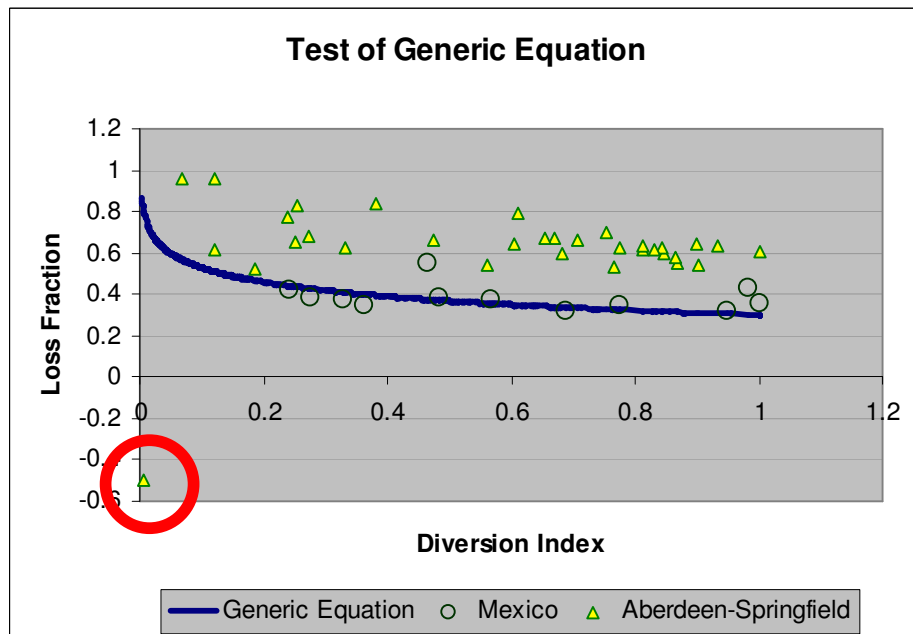
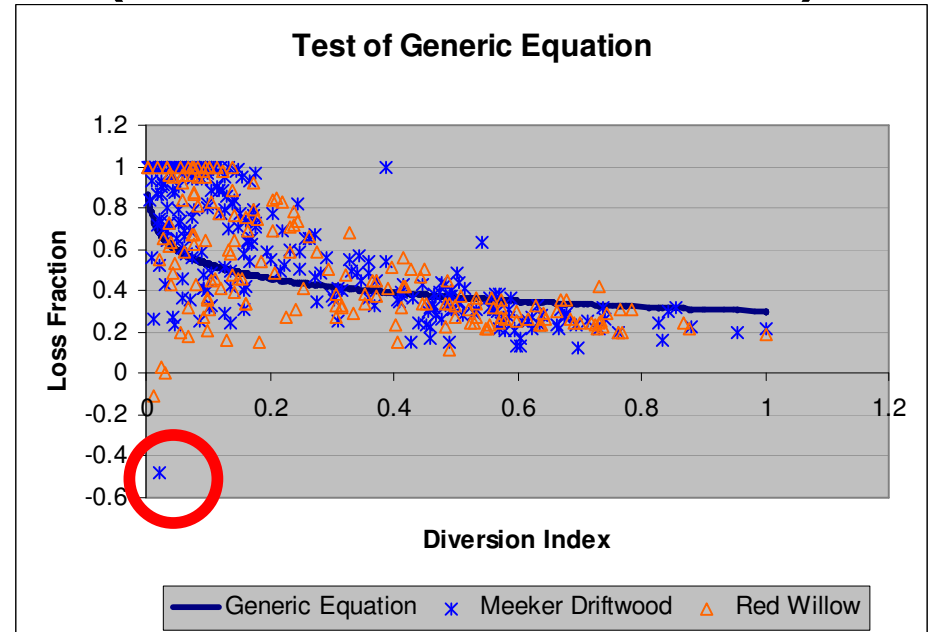
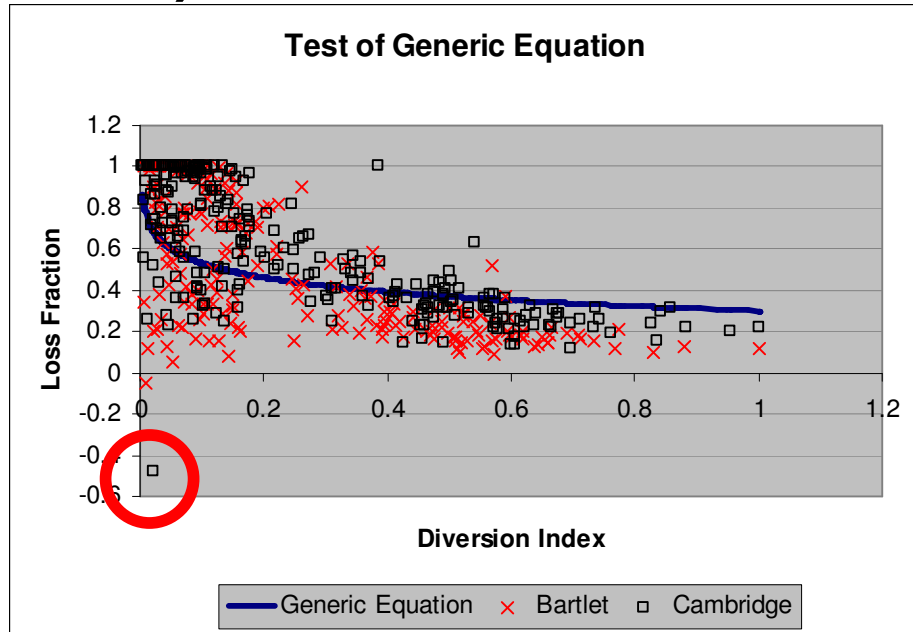
3) Seasonal variation

Cambridge Canal (Nebraska)



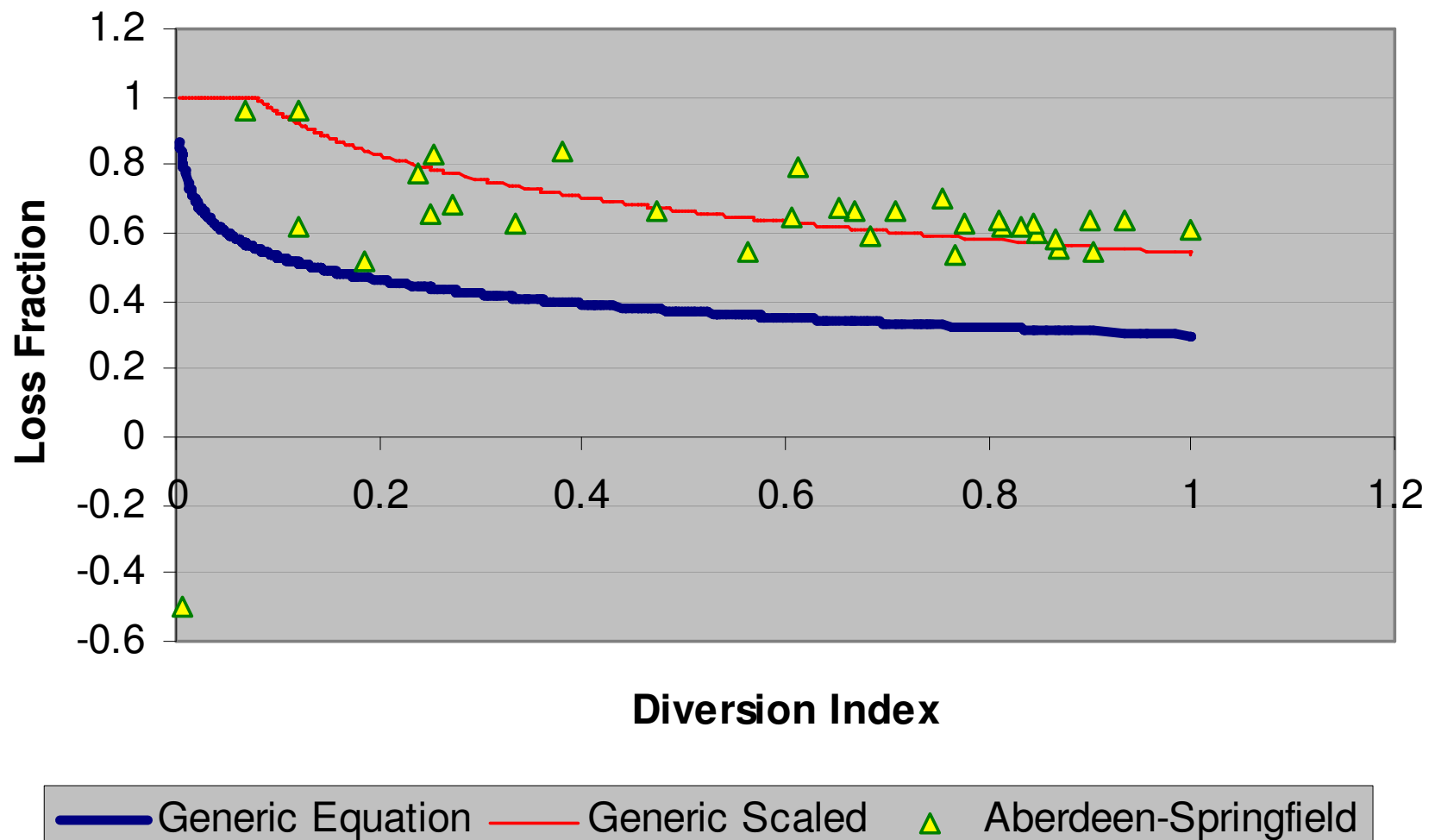
*Remember “bank storage” and
“wetted bulb” discussions:
We don’t care about leakage but RECHARGE*

4) Bank storage (season end)



5) PESTibilities

Test of Generic Equation

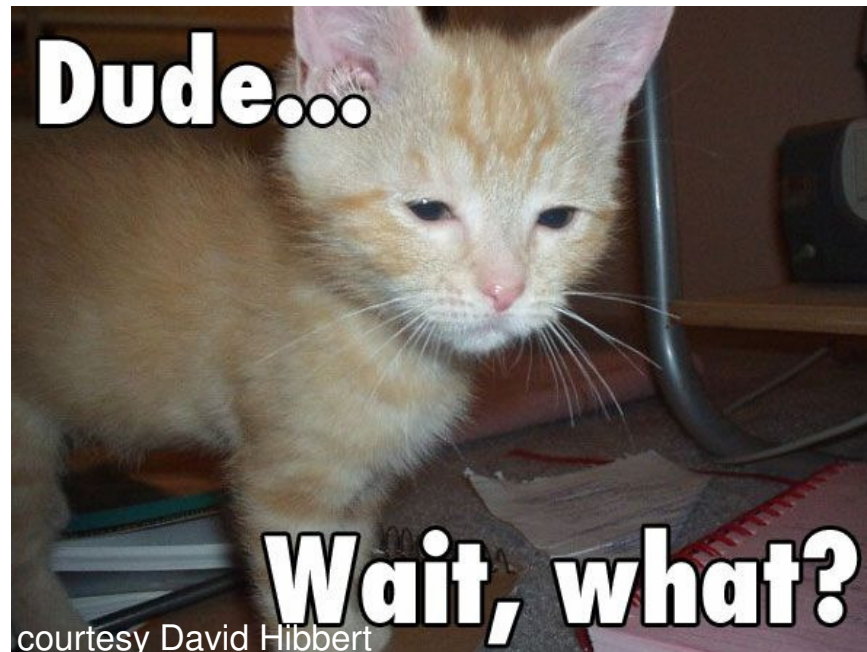


Recommendation

- Retain current recharge tool algorithms
 - PESTible
 - Change seepage algorithms w/o reprogramming
 - Guarantees no recharge in months w/o diversions
- Represent all major canals as leaky
 - IDWR is currently doing GIS work
- Use actual seepage-rate data where available, estimates elsewhere

Input requested: Which algorithm?

- Fixed percentage?
 - less opportunity for blunder
 - less likely to exceed our knowledge
- Semi-log “generic equation?”
 - seems to fit the data



(Bryce can't decide)

(End)